FOR THE HONOUR OF GRAYSKULL

SHE-RA

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BEGIN THE NEW YEAR ON ETHERIA

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A LETTER FROM SHE-RA

Greetings from Etheria!

Welcome to the festive ninth issue of **She-Ra!** Christmas is my favourite time of the year and I hope that I can celebrate it with all my readers with this extra special issue of my comic. Do write and let me know what you think of my Christmas stories and features.

My next issue will be a New Year special, but as you'll have to wait until 8th January for it, I'll take this opportunity to wish all my fans a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

Send all mail to **SHE-MAIL, PO Box 111, Egmont House, Great Ducie Street, MANCHESTER, M60 3BL.**

ETHERIAN PUZZLES

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

While **She-Ra** was preparing this special Christmas issue of her comic many of her Etherian friends (and even some of her enemies!) sent in a whole load of Christmas wishes to be printed on this page. Unfortunately, their names have all been jumbled up in the process. Can you sort out who sent each message?

1— Have a **magical** Christmas!
CLAPALATESS

2— Enjoy your holiday **while you still can!**
DROKAH

3— I just **know** you'll have a good Christmas!
WOLK

4— Season's Greetings, **suckers!**
HECLE

5— Keep out of the **cold** this Christmas!
RAFTOS

6— Hope the new year comes up **smelling of roses for you!**
MERAPUF

ANSWERS! 1— CASTASPELLA, 2— HORDAK, 3— ROWL, 4— LEECH, 5— FROSTA, 6— PERFUMA

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THE SECRET OF THE SCROLL PART I

MID-WINTER ON ETHERIA. EACH YEAR AT THIS TIME A FESTIVE FORCE BURSTS FORTH FROM **BEYOND** THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE, TOUCHING EVERY HEART AND BRINGING JOY AND HAPPINESS NOT ONLY TO ETHERIA, BUT **EVERYWHERE**. THIS EVENT HAS MANY NAMES. HERE, IT IS CALLED THE **SEASON OF GOODWILL**

SOME HEARTS THOUGH REFUSE TO BE SHAKED. THESE ARE FEW AND MOST ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE **FRIGHT ZONE**...

SO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE HORDE MUST CONTINUE CEASELESSLY...

PRESS ON, SWIFTY. I WOULD RATHER BRAVE THE **BLIZZARD** THAN SEEK SHELTER HERE IN THE FRIGHT ZONE!

AT LEAST WE HAVE RETAKEN THE **SCROLL**. I DON'T KNOW HOW **HORDAK** GOT HOLD OF IT, BUT HE WON'T FOLLOW US IN THIS WEATHER - THE BLIZZARD'S GETTING **WORSE**!

WE MUSTN'T GIVE IN NOW, SWIFTY. THEY'RE WAITING FOR US AT CASTLE **BRIGHT MOON**!

THE BLIZZARD!... NOW...?

I...DON'T RECOGNISE THIS PLACE, BUT WE MUST BE IN THE FRIGHT ZONE.

MAYBE THIS IS THE FRIGHT ZONE. BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE ON ETHERIA ANYMORE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THERE'S AN AREA IN THE FRIGHT ZONE THAT BRIDGES THE DIMENSIONS AND EXISTS ON BOTH ETHERIA... AND ETERNIA!
AND WE STUMBLED INTO IT! THEN WE'RE ON ETERNIA?
RIGHT. AND SINCE WE'RE HERE, I THINK WE'LL VISIT MY PARENTS, KING RANDOR AND QUEEN MARLENA, AND MY TWIN BROTHER, PRINCE ADAM. PERHAPS HE CAN HELP.
STOPPING ONLY TO TRANSFORM INTO ADORA AND SPIRIT, THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO ETERNOS...
I HAVE TO GO AS ADORA BECAUSE MY PARENTS DON'T KNOW I'M SHE-RA, JUST AS THEY DON'T KNOW THAT ADAM IS HE-MAN!
A SHORT WHILE LATER, IN ETERNOS...
I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR! I MUSN'T FORGET TO BUY SOME PRESENTS.
HOT PIES! HOT PIES!
COME ON, ONLY A FEW TREES LEFT. BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME! COME ON NOW.
♫ "NOW'S THE SEASON OF GOODWILL, WHEN HEARTS ARE WARM AND BRIGHT. ALL ABOUT IS QUIET AND STILL, THE SNOW IS CRISP AND WHITE... ♫
PRINCESS ADORA!
SEASONS GREETINGS, MAN-AT-ARMS!
MOMENTS LATER, PRINCESS ADORA'S ARRIVAL IS ANNOUNCED IN THE THRONE ROOM...
ADORA, MY DAUGHTER!
OH, HOW I'VE MISSED YOU ALL. BUT THE STRUGGLE ON ETHERIA...
WELL, WE'LL NOT TALK ABOUT THAT NOW. THIS IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION.
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IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN, HERE. YOU MUST LOOK AT YOUR PRESENTS WHILE I GO AND TALK TO ADAM.
SO, ADORA, HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WE WEREN'T EXPECTING YOU FOR A WHILE.
IT'S A LONG STORY. IT BEGAN WHEN LIGHTHOPE SUMMONED ME TO THE CRYSTAL CASTLE...
WHEN ADORA HAS FINISHED HER STORY...
AND THIS IS THE SCROLL? DO YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS?
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO GET BACK TO CASTLE BRIGHTMOON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THEN WE MUST SEE ABOUT GETTING YOU THERE. MAN-AT-ARMS WILL MAKE OUR EXCUSES FOR US.
HE-MAN AND SHE-RA!
WE'LL GO TO CASTLE GRAYSKULL, BUT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THERE SAFELY, WE'LL GO AS...

AS HE-MAN AND SHE-RA RIDE ACROSS THE ETERNIAN PLAINS...
I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN HOW BEAUTIFUL ETERNIA IS. I WISH I COULD COME HERE MORE OFTEN!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, YES. BUT IT'S ALSO DANGEROUS. SKELETOR NEVER LETS UP FOR A MINUTE!
MEANWHILE, IN SNAKE MOUNTAIN...
WHAT'S THIS? HE-MAN AND FEMALE COPY-CAT! BUT WHAT'S THAT THEY'RE CARRYING? A SCROLL?
WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED, EVIL ONE? IT'S ONLY A SCROLL.
IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT IT TAKES TWO OF THEM TO GUARD IT, THEN I WANT IT!
WE MUST AMBUSH THEM BEFORE THEY CAN REACH CASTLE GRAYSKULL.
A SHORT WHILE LATER...
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, MASTER? THERE ARE TWO OF THEM!
QUIET, YOU WHINING FUR-BALL! I WANT THAT SCROLL. DO YOU HEAR ME? NOW LISTEN...
ATTACK!
AMBUSH!
SWORD TO...

HA! JUST AS I PLANNED. THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD DEFEAT THOSE DO-GOODERS, BUT MY BRAINLESS WARRIORS WILL HOLD THEIR ATTENTION UNTIL I GET SAFELY AWAY WITH THIS SCROLL! HA! HA!
HUH?
THWAK!!

BY THE ELDERS! I SHOULD HAVE REALISED SKELETOR WOULD NEVER TRUST HIS MINIONS TO DO ANYTHING BY THEMSELVES. HE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE.
THEN THE AMBUSH WAS A DIVERSION WHILE HE STOLE THE SCROLL!

WHAT IS THE STRANGE SECRET OF THE SCROLL? THE STORY CONTINUES AFTER THE NEXT PAGE.

SHE-MAIL

Dear She-Ra,
I would like to know if you feel brave when you are fighting Hordak's evil people? Also, it would make me very happy if Glimmer would write a letter to me.

Teresa Louise Aspinall, MANCHESTER

Thank you for writing to me, Teresa. Naturally I feel a bit afraid when I have to fight Hordak's evil people. It upsets me that we have to settle our argument with weapons instead of talking. If Glimmer, or any of my friends, stopped fighting against the Horde to find the time to write to people on earth Hordak might take that opportunity to win the war!

Dear She-Ra,
I have three questions I would like you to answer: Why are you called She-Ra? Why do you have a sword and why do you have an enemy? Please answer these questions.

Mark Secuar, LONDON.

Thank you for your questions, Mark. My name was given to me by Light Hope to keep my real name of Adora a secret. My sword is one of the most modern weapons on Etheria and is vital in my battle against Hordak. Lastly, I have an enemy not because I want one but because Hordak wants to rule my planet. Light Hope gave me the job of protecting Etheria...and that means I must fight against the evil of Hordak.

Dear She-Ra,
Why is Hordak so bad? I would also like to know why he is always fighting with you and do you always win?

Jillian Loughran, LURGAN.

Hordak is evil because he is mean and always wants his own way. He doesn't care about other people's feelings and is very greedy. Because of this he was used by Horde Prime as part of the Evil Horde. Hordak doesn't always win his fights and you will see a few stories in future issues in which I lose.

Dear She-Ra,
What would happen if your sword did not work and Swift Wind ran away?

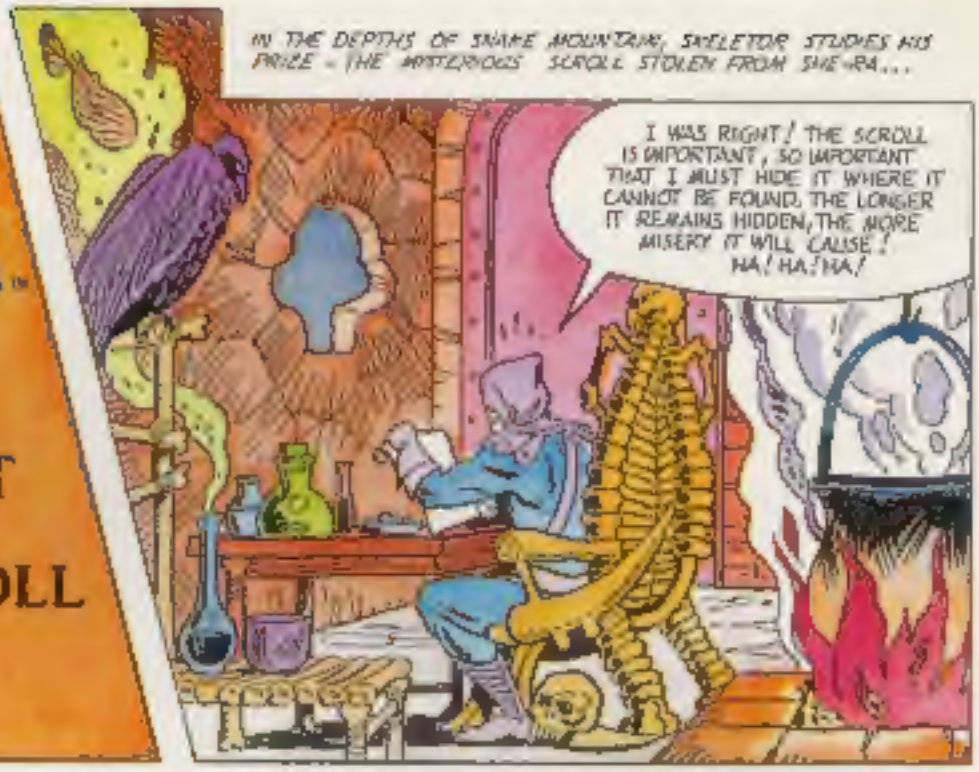
Elizabeth Ainsworth, NOTTINGHAM.

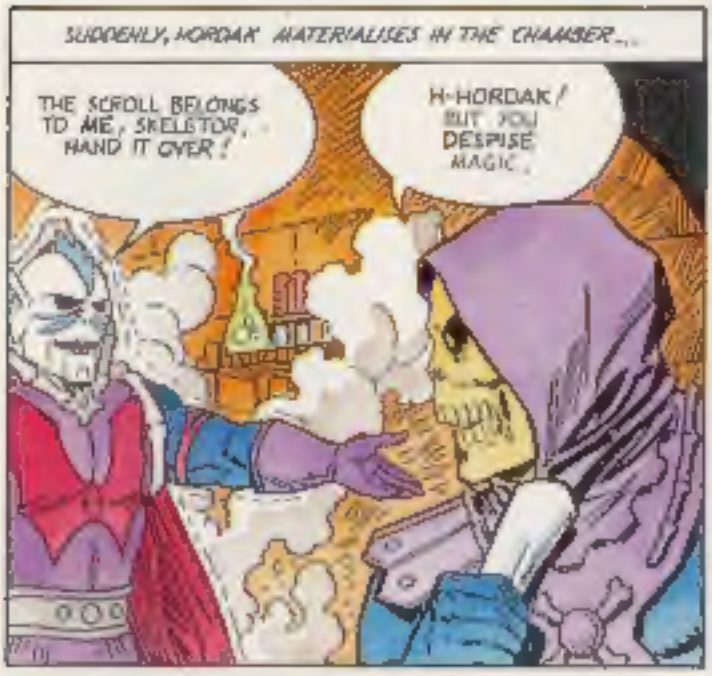
If both of those terrible things happened to me I would be in a lot of trouble! My sword and Swift Wind are a great help to the Rebellion but even without these I think we would just about beat Hordak. With the Sword of Protection and Swift Wind to help I think we'll beat Hordak a lot sooner!

SHE-RA

THE SECRET OF THE SCROLL

PART II


IN THE DEPTHS OF SNAKE MOUNTAIN, SKELETOR STUDIES HIS PRIZE - THE MYSTERIOUS SCROLL STOLEN FROM SHE-RA...
I WAS RIGHT! THE SCROLL IS IMPORTANT, SO IMPORTANT THAT I MUST HIDE IT WHERE IT CANNOT BE FOUND. THE LONGER IT REMAINS HIDDEN, THE MORE MISERY IT WILL CAUSE! HA! HA! HA!


SUDDENLY, HORDAK MATERIALISES IN THE CHAMBER...
THE SCROLL BELONGS TO ME, SKELETOR. HAND IT OVER!
H-HORDAK! BUT YOU DESPISE MAGIC.

BUT SKELETOR'S CRY COMES TOO LATE, SEIZING THE SCROLL, HORDAK ACTIVATES HIS OMNIDIMENSIONAL TELEPORT DEVICE - AND DISAPPEARS...
FAREWELL, FOOLS. THE SCROLL IS MINE AGAIN, HA! HA! HA!
NOOOOO!
EVIL-LYN! TWO-BAD!.. ANYBODY! QUICKLY, HE-MAN'S HERE!
ALL IS NOT LOST. WE KNOW WHERE HORDAK HAS GONE.
OF COURSE! BACK TO ETHERIA, TO DOOM TOWER!
LEAVING SKELETOR TO CURSE HIS MISFORTUNE, HE-MAN AND SHE-RA RIDE TO CASTLE GRAYSKULL, WHERE...
WE'LL USE THE SPACE PORTAL TO BRIDGE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OUR TWIN WORLDS. I'VE SET IT FOR THE FRIGHT ZONE.
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PORTAL...
YOUR CALCULATIONS WERE SPOT ON, HE-MAN. WELCOME TO DOOM TOWER!
QUICK, HIDE! THERE'S SOMEBODY COMING.
"IN THE SEA-SON OF GOOD-WILL, OL' HORDAK SAYS TO ME, CLEAN OUT THE DUNGEON, POLISH UP THE THRONE ROOM..."
...BOY, WHAT A GROUCH! I WONDER IF HE'LL NOTICE THE TREE I MADE? IT SURE BRIGHTENS THE OLD PLACE UP!
UP IN HORDAK'S THRONE ROOM...
MANTENNA! ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS... THIS MONSTROSITY? GET RID OF IT AT ONCE. I HATE FAWNING SENTIMENT AND I HATE THIS SEASON OF GOOD-WILL EVEN MORE. IT REMINDS ME THAT PEOPLE ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES WHEN THEY SHOULD BE TREMBLING IN FEAR!
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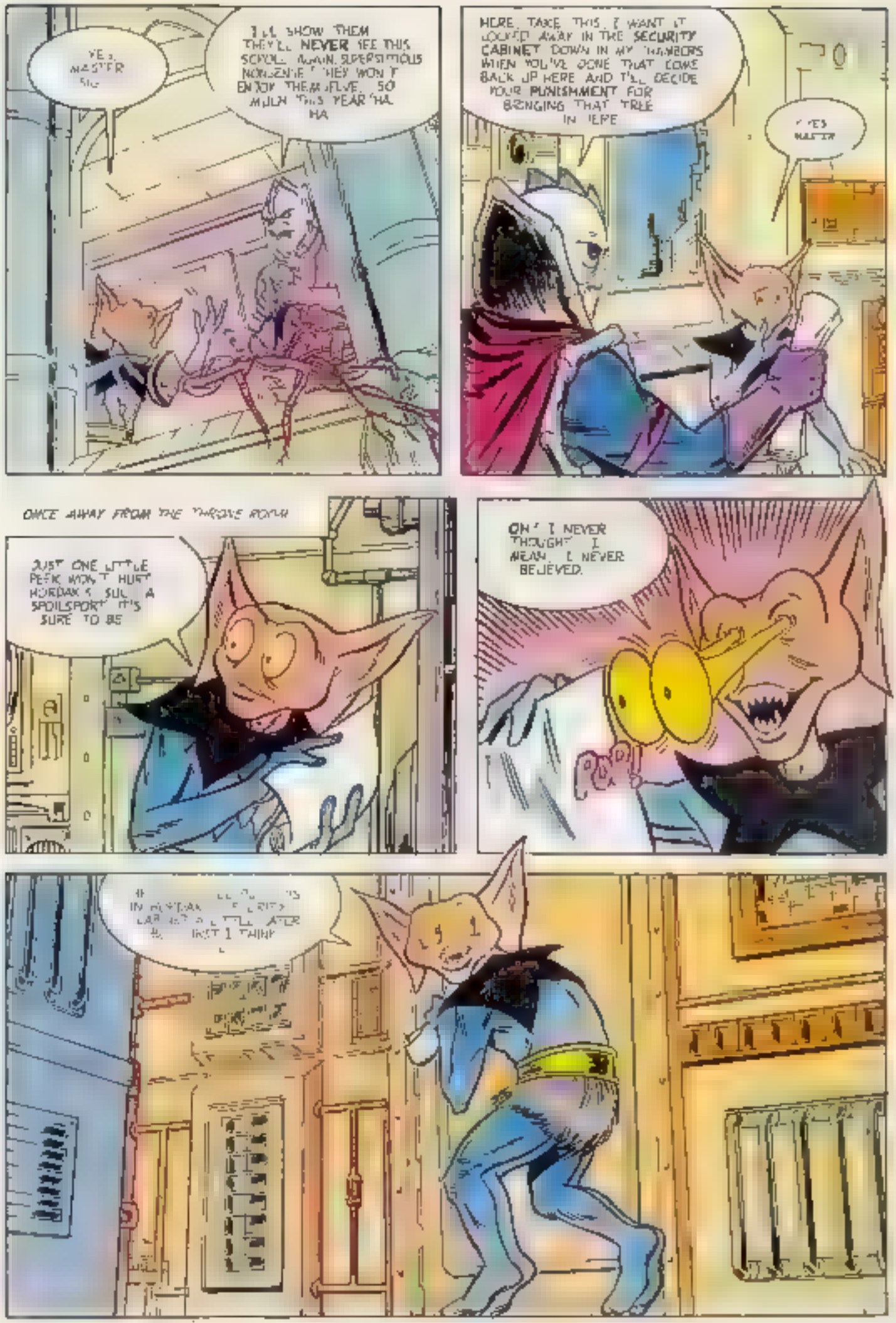
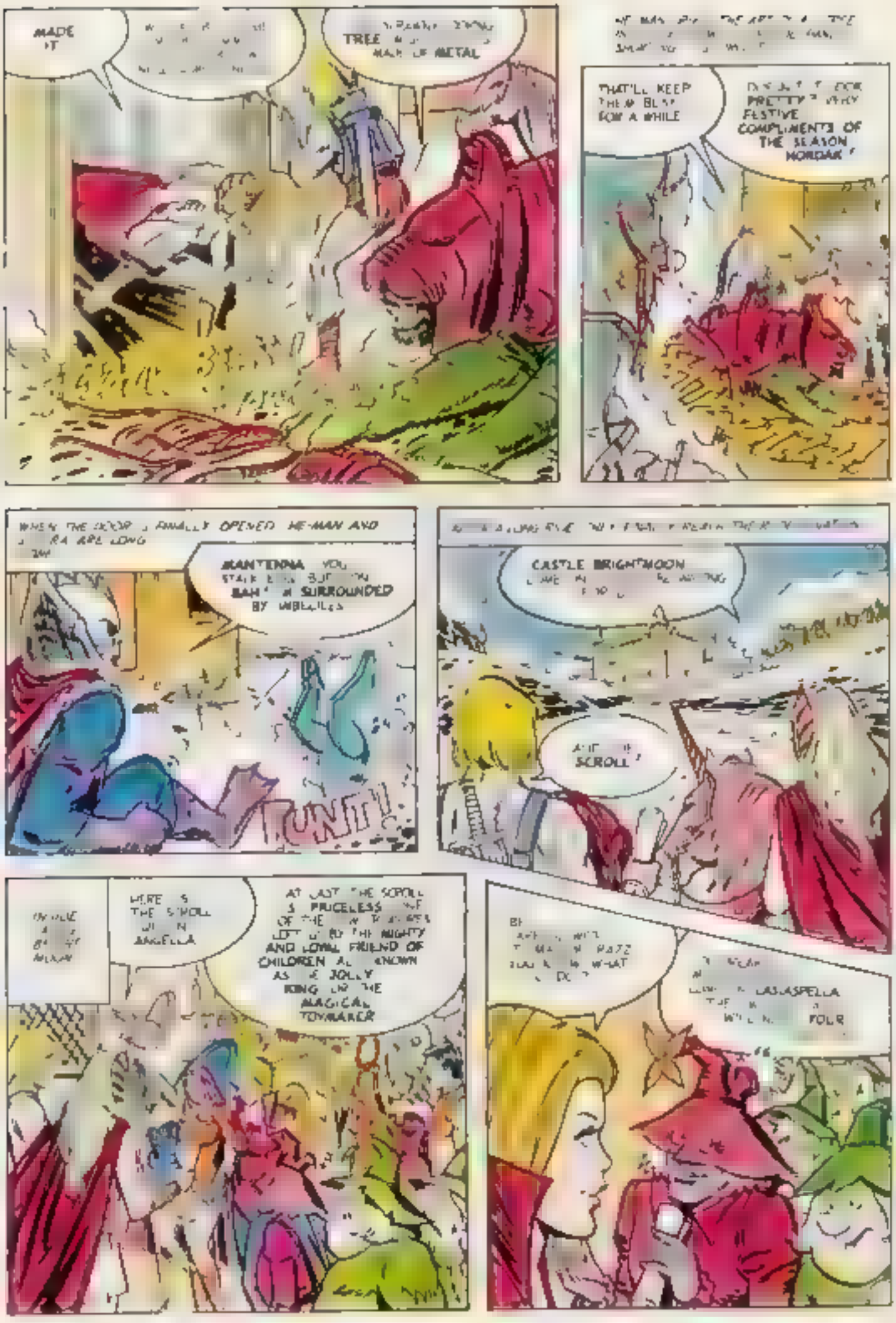

YES, MASTER SIR
I'LL SHOW THEM THEY'LL NEVER SEE THIS SCROLL AGAIN. SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE ! THEY WON'T ENJOY THEMSELVES. SO MUCH THIS YEAR HA HA
HERE, TAKE THIS. I WANT IT LOCKED AWAY IN THE SECURITY CABINET DOWN IN MY CHAMBERS WHEN YOU'VE DONE THAT COME BACK UP HERE AND I'LL DECIDE YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR BRINGING THAT TREE IN HERE
YES MASTER
ONCE AWAY FROM THE THRONE ROOM
JUST ONE LITTLE PEEK WON'T HURT HORDAK'S SUL A SPOILSPORT IT'S SURE TO BE
OH ! I NEVER THOUGHT I MEAN I NEVER BELIEVED.

GLEEEERP
TWAPP!
AAAAAAGH HE MAN
HELLLLLP!
GET HERE
HALT AAAAGHZZZZ!
SWIFTWIND TO
WE HAVE TO GET OUT IT'S TOO CRAMPED IN HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR BATTLE CAT AND SWIFTWIND THERE SHOULD BE A WAY OUT BACK THERE I'LL COVER YOU
FSHHH TI-P! TAKU!


MADE IT
TREE
MAN OF METAL
THAT'LL KEEP THEM BUSY FOR A WHILE
FESTIVE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON MORDAK!
WHEN THE DOOR FINALLY OPENED HE-MAN AND
RA ARE LONG
SKANTENNA YOU
BAH! I SURROUNDED BY UBELILES
CASTLE BRIGHTMOON
SCROLL
HERE IS THE SCROLL
ANGELLA
AT LAST THE SCROLL
PRICELESS
LOST TO THE MIGHTY AND LOYAL FRIEND OF CHILDREN ALL KNOWN AS JOLLY KING OF THE MAGICAL TOYMAKER
LASASPELLA
FOUR

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE SCROLL?
IT CONTAINS A RECIPE OF THE JOLLY KING'S OWN CREATION AND SUCH IS ITS MAGIC THAT IT FILLS EVERYONE WHO PARTAKES OF IT WITH A PORTION OF HIS HAPPINESS AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT
IT HAS COME TO SYMBOLIZE THE SEASON OF GOOD WILL AND JOY AND SINCE IT IS TO BE SHARED WITH ALL
WITH GREAT DELIGHT THE PRINCESSES SIT DOWN TO TASTE THE RICH PLUM PUDDING
CASSIOPELLA AND THE TWIGLETS RETURN
THE PLUM PUDDING OF THE MAGICAL TOYMAKER!
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WE WISH EVERYBODY WELL AND HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR BRINGS PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO ALL
AND NOW WE MUST SHARE THIS MAGNIFICENT FEAST WITH THOSE THAT THE MIGHTY AND ORAL FRIEND OF CHILDREN LOVES MOST
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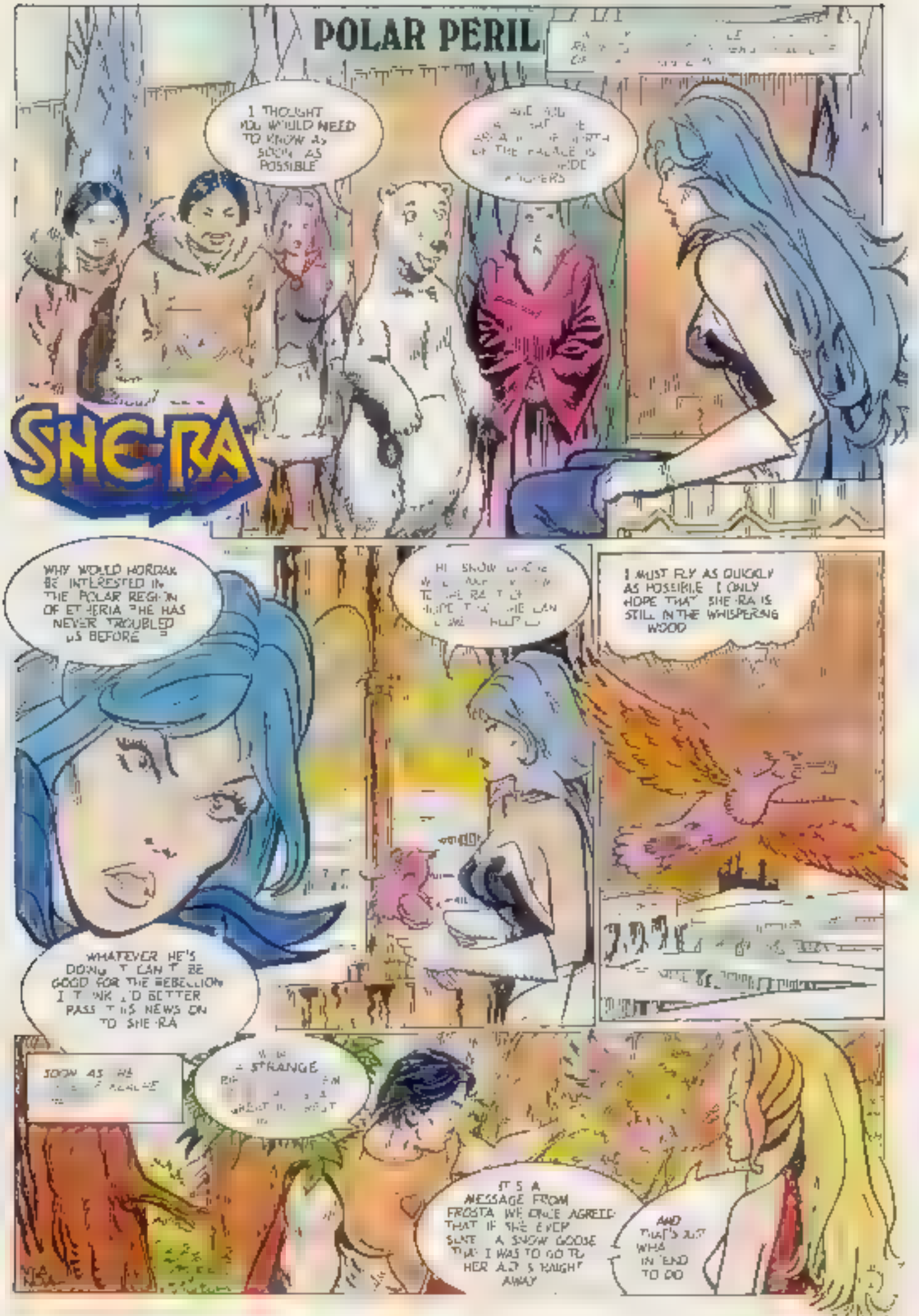
POLAR PERIL
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEED TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SHE-RA
WHY WOULD HORDAK BE INTERESTED IN THE POLAR REGION OF ETHERIA? HE HAS NEVER TROUBLED US BEFORE
I MUST FLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I ONLY HOPE THAT SHE-RA IS STILL IN THE WHISPERING WOOD
WHATEVER HE'S DOING, IT CAN'T BE GOOD FOR THE REBELLION. I THINK I'D BETTER PASS THIS NEWS ON TO SHE-RA
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM FROSTA. WE ONCE AGREED THAT IF SHE EVER SENT A SNOW GOOSE THAT I WAS TO GO TO HER AT ONCE. I'LL FLY RIGHT AWAY
AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GOING TO DO

WITHOUT WASTING A MOMENT THE RA PREPARES TO LEAVE
UP AND AWAY
SWIFT WIND INCREDIBLE SPEED MAKES LIGHT WORK OF THE LONG JOURNEY IT FALLS AT HOME
WE'RE HERE
SEEM
WONDER
PROBLEM
ALL
MOMENT
HOT WAY
TIME
TIN POT
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S AND FIND OUT
WHAT WHAT THAT NOISE
BATME X !
TWO PIKE DOWN TOWARDS US AND FIRING
WE COULDN'T POSSIBLE ESCAPE AND NEED A PLAN I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME THING
ZZZAPPP
HMMM I HAVE AN IDEA THIS MAY

DUCK!
TURN!
SWORD TO ROPE

DIVE
BOOOM!
ZZZZAPPPP!
MUST
HORDAK
MYSTERY
LOVE
ASSURED

AND T
DETONATE IN A
VERY SHORT
WHILE
THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF MY
WEAPON YOU RIDICULOUS
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A PERFECT PLAN
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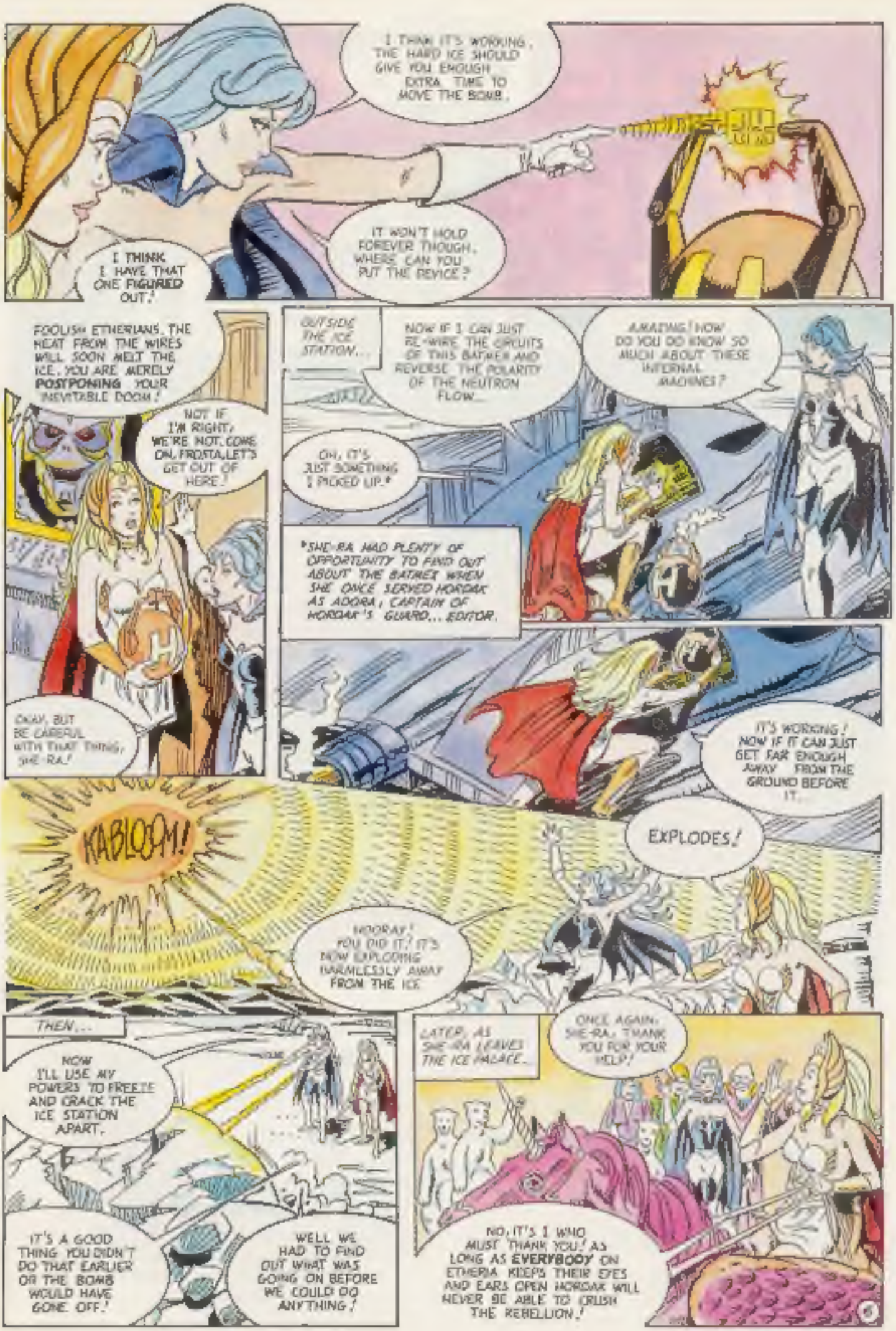
I THINK IT'S WORKING. THE HARD ICE SHOULD GIVE YOU ENOUGH EXTRA TIME TO MOVE THE BOMB.
I THINK I HAVE THAT ONE FIGURED OUT.
IT WON'T HOLD FOREVER THOUGH. WHERE CAN YOU PUT THE DEVICE?
FOOLISH ETHERIANS. THE HEAT FROM THE WIRES WILL SOON MELT THE ICE. YOU ARE MERELY POSTPONING YOUR INEVITABLE DOOM!
NOT IF I'M RIGHT. WE'RE NOT. COME ON, FROSTA, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY, BUT BE CAREFUL WITH THAT THING, SHE-RA!
OUTSIDE THE ICE STATION...
NOW IF I CAN JUST RE-WIRE THE CIRCUITS OF THIS BATTERY AND REVERSE THE POLARITY OF THE NEUTRON FLOW...
AMAZING! HOW DO YOU DO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THESE INTERNAL MACHINES?
OH, IT'S JUST SOMETHING I PICKED UP.*
*SHE-RA HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE BATTERY WHEN SHE ONCE SERVED HORDAK AS ADORA, CAPTAIN OF HORDAK'S GUARD... EDITOR.
IT'S WORKING! NOW IF IT CAN JUST GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE GROUND BEFORE IT...
KABLOOM!
EXPLODES!
HOORAY! YOU DID IT! IT'S NOW EXPLODING HARMLESSLY AWAY FROM THE ICE
THEN...
NOW I'LL USE MY POWERS TO FREEZE AND CRACK THE ICE STATION APART.
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T DO THAT EARLIER OR THE BOMB WOULD HAVE GONE OFF!
WELL WE HAD TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON BEFORE WE COULD DO ANYTHING!
LATER, AS SHE-RA LEAVES THE ICE PALACE...
ONCE AGAIN, SHE-RA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
NO, IT'S I WHO MUST THANK YOU! AS LONG AS EVERYBODY ON ETHERIA KEEPS THEIR EYES AND EARS OPEN HORDAK WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CRUSH THE REBELLION!

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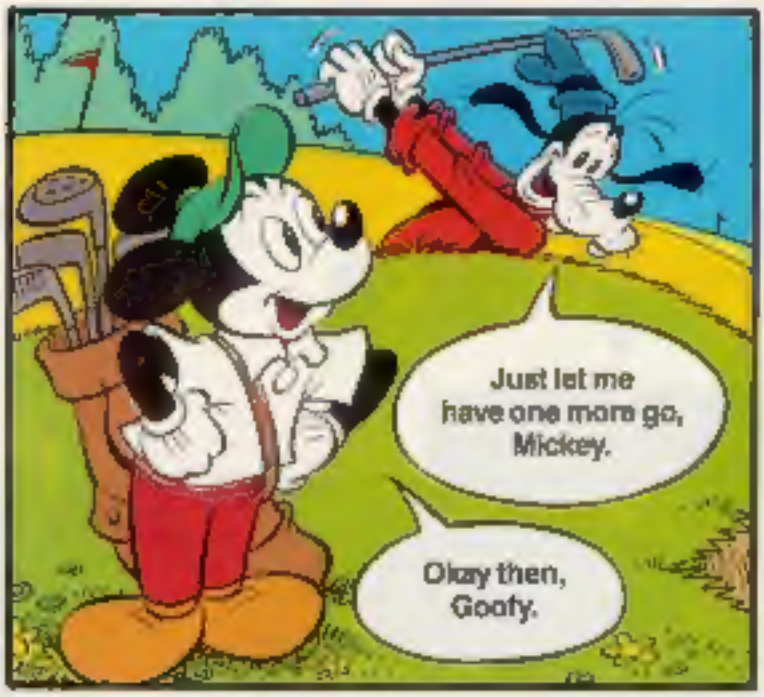

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